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In re the Application of Sherrer, et al.

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FOR MAKING

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METHOD FOR MAKING FIBER ARRAY HAVING PROTRUDING OPTICAL FIBERS AND RESULTING FIBER ARRAY

Serial Number: 09/814,128

Filing Date: March 22, 2001

Inventor: David W. Sherrer

Applicants respectfully request full and proper consideration of the listed information during examination of the application, and that the listed information be printed on any patent that issues therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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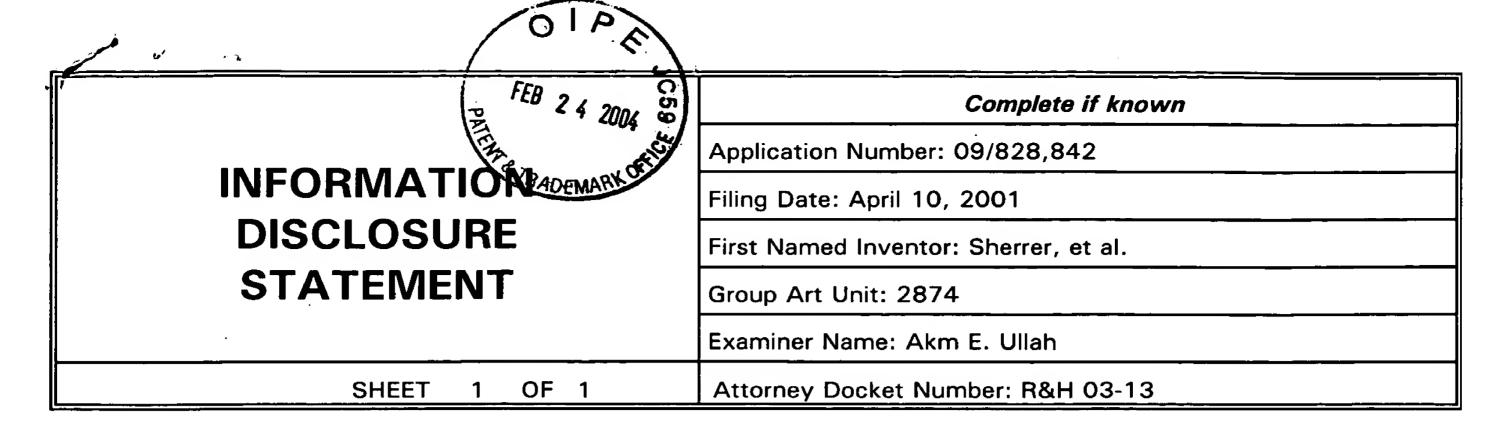
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